

a stranger, to take papers from the office, without the consent of the Clerk, in whose especial custody the books and papers of the institution are placed, under bond and security to a large amount for their safe keeping, and which privilege Dr. Baxley had himself especially enjoined, a few weeks before, on behalf of the former Clerk, when, as a member of a Committee for receiving the books, and papers from the superseded Clerk, and placing them in the charge of the present one, he even locked them up, and withheld, for several days, some of them from the necessary use and inspection of the Executive Committee. To the facts set forth by Mr. Chesney, we are authorised to say, he is ready at any time, to give the most solemn assurance.

"On the first Saturday, and subsequent to the last meeting of the Board, Dr. H. W. Baxley, paid a visit to this Institution, on which occasion, he had access to the book-case, which at that time, was necessarily open; and after examining a number of the books, such as the ledger, journal, &c., he then took down the minute-book which contains the record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, upon which he made some remarks that required me to produce the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board, which took place on the previous Thursday. After satisfying him as I presumed, in reference to certain matters, on which he seemed disposed to animadvert, I returned to the desk, where I had been engaged in writing. The Doctor soon left the room, after returning the books, together with the aforementioned documents, (or at least a part of them,) to their proper place in the book-case. In the course of a few minutes he, (Dr. Baxley,) returned again, in the company with Mr. McEvoy and Dr. Reardan. Mr. McEvoy and Dr. Baxley entered the Board-room, and Dr. Reardan continued through the entry. Dr. Baxley on entering the room went directly to the book-case, and being myself very much engaged, I did not observe any thing that was done. On the following Monday morning, one of the members of your Board came in, and requested to see the minute book, together with said document, which I proceeded to furnish, but I found the document to which I have alluded, had disappeared. I was at a loss for some time to account for their removal, but, recollecting that Dr. Baxley was the only one who had visited the case on that afternoon before it was locked, I immediately addressed him the note marked No. 1, and received for reply, note No. 2, acknowledging that he had taken away the "original minutes." After waiting twenty-four hours, for him to return them, I addressed him a second, marked No. 3, in which I took the liberty, to urge the necessity of his returning them immediately, to which I have received no reply up to the present date.

I would, however, here observe, that Dr. Baxley visited this room again on the 14th inst. (more than three weeks after,) and in the same unceremonious manner, proceeded to the book-case, took down